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SUBJECT: MALAGASY/TANZANIA DELEGATION VISITS INDONESIA

1. A COMBINED MALAGASY/TANZANIA DELEGATION, HEADED BY MALAGASY MINISTER OF TRADE AND FINANCE RORIVOSON, PAID A NINE-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA FROM MARCH 1 TO MARCH 10. IN ADDITION TO TALKS WITH GOI OFFICIALS, THE DELEGATION VISITED CLOVE CIGARETTE FACTORIES IN EAST AND CENTRAL JAVA AS WELL AS SALT MINES IN MADURA.

2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE PRESS INDICATED THAT THE FOCUS OF THE TRILATERAL TALKS WAS ON CLOVE IMPORTS FROM TANZANIA AND MALAGASY. THE INDONESIAN COMMERCE MINISTER RADIUS PRAWIRO WAS QUOTED AS HAVING DECLARED THAT HIS COUNTRY COULD NOT AGREE TO A FURTHER INCREASE IN CLOVE PRICES WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, HAD ALREADY RISEN 63 PERCENT FROM 1971 TO 1977. INDONESIA, HE CONTINUED, IS PRESENTLY PRODUCING ROUGHLY 25,000 TONS OF CLOVES AGAINST AN ESTIMATED DEMAND OF 30,000 TONS, AND BY 1980 COULD VERY WELL BE PRODUCING ENOUGH CLOVES TO MEET DOMESTIC DEMAND. RADIUS SAID THAT "THE IMPORTANT THING
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WAS THAT THE CLOVE TRADE WITH THOSE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MADE TO BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE PRODUCERS, BUT ALSO THE CONSUMERS."

3. TOWARD THE END OF THE DISCUSSIONS, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO CONTINUE THE CLOVE TRADE ON A "GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT" BASIS.

TANZANIA AND MALAGASY, THE PRESS WENT ON, WERE PREPARED
TO EXPORT AS MUCH AS 10,000 TONS OF CLOVES TO INDONESIA,
OR ABOUT TWICE AS MUCH AS INDONESIA NEEDS.

4. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT
CONFIRMED, THAT THE GOI AGREED TO PAY A DEBT OF
318,000 POUNDS STERLING TO TANZANIA DATING BACK TO A
CONTRACT SIGNED DURING THE LATE PRESIDENT SUKARNO'S
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